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WITH A PISTOL.

Emerson Roper Destroys His
Life at Sebree City.Shot Himself In The Head While
Alone In His Room—No
Cause Known.

Emerson Roper, youngest son of Mrs. I. H. Roper, of this city, a well known young printer who had worked in the Hopkinsville offices for ten years, committed suicide at Sebree, where he had been living for six months, Wednesday night, shooting himself in the head. The young man had been despondent for some time. Further than his low spirits, no cause is known for the tragic deed.

Young Roper learned the printer's trade in the KENTUCKIAN office ten years ago and later held a position in the job department of another local office, which he resigned last November to go to Sebree and go into business with his brother, Rhoden P. Roper. The brothers accordingly purchased the Sebree Herald and had been making a success of the paper for the last six months.

Wednesday night Rhoden Roper left their room in the Herald office and went to prayer-meeting. This was about 8 o'clock and Emerson was in the office and there was nothing to indicate that he contemplated suicide. His brother returned about nine o'clock and heard labored breathing in the bed-room, adjoining the office. He took the lamp and went into the room to investigate and found Emerson lying on the bed in a dying condition. He had his clothes on, his head was on the pillow and his feet hanging over the side of the bed. He was dying from a pistol wound in the right side of his head and never regained consciousness, though he lived until about ten o'clock. The pistol, a 32 calibre, single action weapon, with two barrels empty, was lying on the floor. One ball went wild and made a hole through Rhoden's coat and vest hanging on the bed post. Two or three parties afterwards remembered that they had heard two shots shortly after eight o'clock. As the pistol had to be cocked, the first shot must have missed his head.

The young man's body was brought to this city on the early morning train and the funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. J. G. Hord at 3:30 p. m. Mr. Hord's wife is a sister of the Roper boys, of whom four remain.

Emerson was born in September 1874, and was in his 25th year. He was a handsome, manly young fellow, quiet and unobtrusive in his manners, and an industrious, capable workman. He was moral in his habits, steady even as a boy, and had never been out of employment. Why such a young man should have taken his own life is a mystery.

Several young men from Sebree accompanied the remains to this city, with his brother, Henry Roper, of Elkton, Jas. P. Roper and Ellis H. Roper, of this city, his surviving brothers, were all present at the funeral.

UNDER TWO INDICTMENTS

Defendant Arrested in Hopkins
County and Lodged in Jail.

Jackson Cotton, was arrested in Hopkins county Wednesday on a bench warrant and brought here by Deputy Sheriff K. D. Rodgers yesterday. Cotton was put in jail. In October 1897 two indictments were found against him in the Christian Circuit Court, one for carrying a concealed deadly weapon and the other for a breach of peace. He will be tried at the June term of Court.

A two year-old-child of Mr. Albert Croft, of near Gracey, died Wednesday night, after an illness of several weeks to relatives.

WITH A RIFLE.

James E. Jones Ends His Secret
Troubles Wednesday.Was to Have Been Married In a
Few Days to Miss
Holt.

Crofton, Ky., April 26.—Mr. James E. Jones, a well-to-do farmer living about a mile and a half from Era post-office, committed suicide this morning about 7 o'clock by shooting himself in the left side and through the heart with a rifle gun. He was 38 years old, a widower with three children, the oldest a boy 18 years old. His wife died last September. He wrote a note on the back of an envelope as follows: "Farewell to my children, I must go, Willie save the money in your pocket to raise your little sisters."

This note with \$154.15 he put in his son's pants' pocket this morning before the boy woke up. When his son put on his pants he found the money and note in his pocket and read the note and gave it and money back to his father. His father replied that "if that pistol had not snapped this morning about 4 o'clock I would have been gone now." About this time he picked up the pistol and walked out of the room on the porch. His son followed him and took the pistol from his father and took the cartridges out of the chamber. He told his son that he "had to go." After this he sent his son to the field to plow and Mr. Jones went over to a neighbors' close by, then went back home and placing the muzzle of the gun to his left side pushed the trigger with the gunstick. Death was instantaneous.

Funeral Thursday at 11 o'clock by Dr. W. E. McCord. He was a member of the Masonic order and was buried by that order.

The coroner was notified and went out to hold an inquest. No cause is known. He was to have been married again in a short time to a Miss Holt, a daughter of Thos. Holt.

The Coroner's Inquest.

"We the jury summoned by Jas. L. Allensworth, coroner of Christian county, find that Jas. E. Jones came to his death from a shot from a gun in his own hands, near the heart." The verdict detailed some of the above facts and was signed by T. W. Holt, J. E. Cansler, J. E. Cansler, J. H. Keys, J. W. Reynolds, J. J. Clark and R. B. Clark.

DROPPED DEAD.

Ex-Gov. Oglesby, of Illinois, Who
Was Born in Kentucky.

Lincoln, Ill., April 24.—Former Gov. Richard J. Oglesby fell dead near this city at 1 o'clock this afternoon. He had been in ill health for some time, but the end was unexpected.

Gov. Oglesby was born in Kentucky in 1824, and migrated to Illinois in 1836. He was admitted to the bar in 1845. He served in the Mexican and civil wars, rising to the rank of major general. He served two terms as governor of Illinois, and served one term in the United States senate.

The immediate cause of Gen. Oglesby's death was a fall, his head striking the sharp edge of a piece of furniture. The remote cause was vertigo.

SHOT IN THE SIDE.

Scrap Near Casky May Result In
Death of Participant.

A difficulty is reported to have occurred near Casky a few nights ago. Full particulars could not be learned. Two colored men, Lewis Leavell and Ben McReynolds, it seems engaged in a row and the latter was shot in the side. The wound is a very serious one.

FIRM STAND

Made by the Filipinos at Their
Capital City.Americans Held at Bay and
Three More Soldiers
Slain.

Manila, April 27.—Maj. Gen. MacArthur has not yet taken Calumpit. The rebels are employing artillery and are making a good stand. There was much firing yesterday, but the Americans have made little headway, other than to get artillery across the river which flows in front of the town. Sharpshooters have proved annoying. The expedition of Maj. Gen. Lawton makes slow progress, on account of the difficult character of the country. The casualties yesterday were 3 killed and 11 wounded.

HAMILTON EASY.

Last Railroad Convention Held at
Winchester.

Winchester, April 27.—The Democratic convention in the Third railroad district was held at Winchester yesterday. The Goebel men were in control, but the expected fight on State issues was not made, and the platform simply indorsed Bryan and the Chicago platform. Col. A. W. Hamilton was nominated for Railroad Commissioner, and in his speech of acceptance expressed the belief that he would win at the general election in November.

Attacked on the Train.

Mrs. W. F. Cox, of Gracey, was taken very ill on the train, while enroute to this city Wednesday. On arrival here she was taken to Mr. Byron Torian's and a physician summoned. She was suffering with bilious colic and was able to return home on the late afternoon train.

CHARLIE SOMMERS.

Up Against it in His Bribery
Case at Frankfort.Must Face a Jury and the Prose-
cution is Flaking a
Strong Case.

Frankfort, Ky., April 27.—The trial of Charles E. Sommers, of Hardin county, for alleged bribery, was begun in the Franklin Circuit Court before a jury yesterday after a vain struggle of two hours by the attorneys for the defendant to demur the indictment out of court, or to at least postpone the trial of it until the next term of court.

The prosecution of the case is being conducted by Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin and County Attorney Polsgrove, the defendant being represented by former Senator Jo. Blackburn and ex-Chief Justice W. S. Pryor. Arguments were made on the demurrer by Blackburn, Pryor and Franklin, the Judge sustaining the latter's contention in an oral opinion and ordering a jury trial of the case.

The Commonwealth sprung a sensation in announcing ready for trial by announcing a long list of new witnesses not on the indictment, chief among whom was John H. Whallen, the Alexander manager in the recent convention. Others were June W. Gayle, of Owen county; President E. L. Samuels, Cashier Henry Lindsay and Clerk Craik Jackson, of the branch Bank of Kentucky, and Jake Riddle, James Hulett and Willis Rogers. It will, so it is said, be shown by the bank officers that certain Louisville politicians drew money from that bank on the day of the alleged bribery, and that the money was paid in \$50 bills. The bills paid to Graves were of that denomination.

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